



# NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

For Special Protection Areas (SPA),  
Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI),  
Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and  
for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE **BG0002100**  
SITENAME **Dolna Koznitsa**

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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<b>1.1 Type</b> A	<b>1.2 Site code</b> BG0002100
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### 1.3 Site name

Dolna Koznitsa
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<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 2005-10	<b>1.5 Update date</b> 2015-07
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### 1.6 Respondent:

<b>Name/Organisation:</b>	Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate
<b>Address:</b>	Sofia Maria Luiza Blvd. 22 1000 Sofia
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### 1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

<b>Date site classified as SPA:</b>	2007-03
<b>National legal reference of SPA designation</b>	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007).

<b>Explanation(s):</b>	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007). Issued designation order by the Minister of Environment and Water with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the site – Order No. RD – 810/06.11.2008 (promulgated SG 108/2008).
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## 2. SITE LOCATION

### 2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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**Longitude**

22.91916666666667

**Latitude**

42.27055555555555

**2.2 Area [ha]:**

3994.5167

**2.3 Marine area [%]**

0.0

**2.4 Sitelength [km]:**

0.0

### 2.5 Administrative region code and name

**NUTS level 2 code**
**Region Name**

BG41	Югозападен / Yugozapaden
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### 2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Continental (100.0%)

## 3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

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Species					Population in the site						Site assessment			
Group	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	Type	Size		Unit	Cat.	Data quality	A B C D			A B C
						Min	Max				C R V P	Pop.	Cons.	Isol.
B	A255	<a href="#">Anthus campestris</a>			r	5	5	p		G				
B	A089	<a href="#">Aquila pomarina</a>			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A224	<a href="#">Caprimulgus europaeus</a>			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A084	<a href="#">Circus pygargus</a>			r		1	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A122	<a href="#">Crex crex</a>			r	51	51	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A511	<a href="#">Falco cherrug</a>			c	1	2	i		G	B	B	B	B
B	A103	<a href="#">Falco peregrinus</a>			r		1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A092	<a href="#">Hieraetus pennatus</a>			r		1	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A338	<a href="#">Lanius collurio</a>			r	46	46	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A339	<a href="#">Lanius minor</a>			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A246	<a href="#">Lullula arborea</a>			r	6	6	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A234	<a href="#">Picus canus</a>			p	3	3	p		G	C	B	C	C

**Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles

**S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes

**NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)

**Type:** p = permanent, r = reproducing, c = concentration, w = wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)

**Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the Standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting (see [reference portal](#))

**Abundance categories (Cat.):** C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present - to fill if data are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information

**Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); VP = 'Very poor' (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

### 3.3 Other important species of flora and fauna (optional)

Species					Population in the site				Motivation					
Group	CODE	Scientific Name	S	NP	Size		Unit	Cat.	Species Annex		Other categories			
					Min	Max		C R V P	IV	V	A	B	C	D
B	A247	<a href="#">Alauda arvensis</a>			45	45							X	
B	A363	<a href="#">Carduelis chloris</a>			15	15							X	
B	A113	<a href="#">Coturnix coturnix</a>			55	55							X	
B	A269	<a href="#">Erithacus rubecula</a>			30	30							X	
B	A359	<a href="#">Fringilla coelebs</a>			17	17							X	
B	A233	<a href="#">Jynx torquilla</a>			3	3							X	
B	A271	<a href="#">Luscinia megarhynchos</a>			15	15							X	
B	A383	<a href="#">Miliaria calandra</a>			55	55							X	
B	A329	<a href="#">Parus caeruleus</a>						P					X	
B	A235	<a href="#">Picus viridis</a>			2	2							X	
B	A311	<a href="#">Sylvia atricapilla</a>			12	12							X	
B	A283	<a href="#">Turdus merula</a>			30	30							X	

**Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, Fu = Fungi, I = Invertebrates, L = Lichens, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles

**CODE:** for Birds, Annex IV and V species the code as provided in the reference portal should be used in addition to the scientific name

**S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes

**NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)

**Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting, (see [reference portal](#))

**Cat.:** Abundance categories: C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present

**Motivation categories:** **IV, V:** Annex Species (Habitats Directive), **A:** National Red List data; **B:** Endemics; **C:** International Conventions; **D:** other reasons

## 4. SITE DESCRIPTION

### 4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N16	3.0
N07	
N17	8.0
N06	1.0
N21	1.0
N22	
N19	2.0
N23	3.0

N15	12.0
N09	29.0
N10	3.0
N12	22.0
N08	16.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	NaN

### Other Site Characteristics

Dolna Koznitsa meadows are located in south-western Bulgaria, between Dupnitsa and Nevestino. It covers a hilly area on the two sides of the Koznisha river ? a left tributary of the Struma ? and the road connecting the two towns. On the north it reaches the villages of Chifligartsi and Korkina and on the south ? Mutrvodol and Blato. The village of Chetirtsi and the beginning of the Skrinli gorge are located in the site?s south-western part. On the west it is limited by the village of Yamen and the town of Nevestino. The site's territory includes several types of habitats, the biggest share and importance belonging to pastures and meadows overgrown with xerothermal grass communities of *Dichanthium schaemum*, *Poa bulbosa* and *Cryspogon gryllus* (Bondev, 1991).

### 4.2 Quality and importance

Dolna Koznitsa meadows are of global importance for the conservation of the Corncrake *Crex crex*, which breeds there in numerous population.

### 4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

Negative Impacts			
Rank	Threats and pressures [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
L	A01		i
L	E01.02		i
L	E01		i
L	F03.01		i
L	K03.06		i
H	D01.02		i
L	B02.02		i
H	E01.01		i
M	H05		i
L	E03.01		i
L	B02.04		i
L	K01.01		i
L	B02.03		i
L	B01		i
L	A10		i
L	H07		i

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
M	A05.01		i
M	A03		i
L	K01.01		i
L	B01		i
L	A01		i
M	B		i
M	A04		i
L	E01.02		i
L	F03.01		i
L	H07		i

### 4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Dr. Ventseslav Delov - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds, Bulgaria, 1111 Sofia, P.O.Box 50, phone (+359 2) 9715855, fax (+359 2) 9715856, www.bspb.org . Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>). Documents: BDZP/BirdLife Balgariya. 2005. ?Nacionalna banka za ornitologichna informacia 1988-2005?, Balgarsko Druzhestvo za zastita na pticite; Bondev, I. 1991. The Vegetation of Bulgaria. Map 1 : 600 000 with explanatory text. Sofia: St. Kliment Ohridski University Press. (In Bulgarian.); Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.); Iankov, P. 2002.(red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptici v Bulgaria. Nacionalni planove za dejstvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodzashtitna poredica, Kn. 4, Sofia: 204-219. BirdLife International. 2000. Threatened birds of the world. Barcelona and Cambridge, UK: Lynx Edicions and BirdLife International, 695pp. Birdlife International. 2004. Birds in Europe: Population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: Birdlife International (Birdlife Conservation Series No. 12).373pp.; BSPB/BirdLife International. 2005. World Bird Database ? Important Birds Areas.Bulgaria. Cambridge. (unpublished); Guidelines for evaluation of protected zones according, which include habitats for birds to art.7, par.3, under the art.6 par.1.3 and 1.4 of the Biodiversity Act. 2005. (In Bulgarian.); Kostadinova, I., M. Mihailov, (comp.) 2002. Guide for NATURA 2000 in Bulgaria. BSPB nature conservation series No5. BSPB, Sofia, 80pp. (In Bulgarian.); Kostadinova, I. 2005. Application of C criteria for

Identification of Important Bird Areas of European Union importance in Bulgaria. Preliminary implementation and analysis of the gaps. ? In: Petrova, A. (ed.), Current state of Bulgarian biodiversity ? problems and perspectives. Pp. 533-548. Bulgarian Bioplatform, Sofia Osieck, E. 2000 Filling in the requirements of the EU Birds Directive: Lessons from the ?Dutch Case??. In: European IBA Workshop. 29 March - 2 April 2000, Brussels, Belgium. Proceedings. BirdLife International, 86-99; Waliczky, Z. 2000 ?Important Bird Areas of European Union Importance: explanation of the EU Criteria applied in IBA 2000? In: European IBA Workshop. 29 March - 2 April 2000, Brussels, Belgium. Proceedings. BirdLife International, 12-16

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002100&siteType=BirdsDirective>

## 5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

### 5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
BG00	100.0				

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	IBA	=	100.0

### 5.3 Site designation (optional)

The area does not have legal protection by the national conservation legislation. In 2005 the area was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

## 6. SITE MANAGEMENT

### 6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water - Pernik; Forestry Departments - Dupnitsa, Nevestino;
Address:	
Email:	

### 6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No, but in preparation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## 7. MAP OF THE SITES

INSPIRE ID:

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Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

Yes  No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).